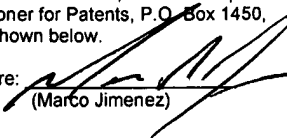


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2005, for which a response was due on August 18, 2005, and for which a two-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from August 18, 2005, to October 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

There are no amendments to the specification.

There are no amendments to the abstract.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2.

There are no amendments to the drawings.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18.